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EXDIS, EYES ONLY AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, SF

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH PRIME
MINISTER VORSTER

1. FOR DAR ES SALAAM, GABORONE, LUSAKA, MAPUTO, LAGOS,
CAPE TOWN: THIS CABLE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. YOU
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WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING VICE
PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

2. FOR ALGIERS, RABAT, TUNIS, TRIPOLI, CAIRO: DEPARTMENT
LEAVES TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE APPROACH
OUTLINED BELOW.

3. FOR USUN: AMBASSADOR YOUNG OR CHARGE SHOULD FAMILIARIZE SYG WALDHEIM AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT THE UN , INCLUDING FIGUEIREDO, CONCERNING THE MEETING.

4. FOR ADDIS ABABA: EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA ALSO SHOULD SEE ETEKI.

5. FOR PORT LOUIS: EMBASSY PORT LOUIS SHOULD ADDRESS RAMGOOLAM IN HIS OAU AND MAURITAIN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES.

6. FOR LONDON: CHARGE SPIERS SHOULD SEE OWEN.

7. FYI: DURING HIS FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE END OF MARCH, FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR (NOW FOREIGN MINISTER) BOTHA CONVEYED PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING A HIGH LEVEL U.S. EMISSARY TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS BY AMBASSADOR BOWDLER, THE PRESIDENT DECIDED THAT HE WANTED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO MEET WITH VORSTER DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MID-MAY VISIT TO EUROPE. AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAS OFFERED VIENNA AS THE SITE, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MEET THERE WITH VORSTER MAY 19. END FYI.

8. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING MAY 3, YOU SHOULD BRIEF THE GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL (PREFERABLY THE CHIEF OF STATE)
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CONCERNING THE VISIT, ALONG THE LINES OF PARAS 9-11. STRESS AT THE OUTSET OF YOUR BRIEFING THAT, WHILE WE WANT THE LEADERSHIP TO BE AWARE OF THIS BACKGROUND, THEY MUST RESPECT ITS SENSITIVITY. FOR THEM TO DO OTHERWISE COULD GREATLY ENDANGER WHATEVER PROSPECTS MAY EXIST FOR PROGRESS.

9. IN A FURTHER EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT HIS ADMINISTRATION'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MID-MAY TRAVEL TO EUROPE. THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TO HOST THE MEETING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA MAY 19.

10. THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MR. VORSTER WILL ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND IDEAS, RATHER THAN IN SPECIFIC OR DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE CLEAR TO MR. VORSTER OUR SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN

ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THE PROGRESSIVE TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. HE WILL NOTE OUR SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S CURRENT INITIATIVE TO RESUME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT, AND FOR CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

11. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL EMPHASIZE TO MR. VORSTER THAT WHILE WE VIEW THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AS CRUCIAL IN THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN SITUATIONS, THE UNITED STATES

CANNOT IGNORE THE PRESSING NEED FOR RAPID CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. OUR PRINCIPLES DEMAND THIS. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A PROGRESSIVE
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TRANSFORMATION OF THAT SOCIETY IN THE DIRECTION OF FULL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND AN END TO APARTHEID BEGIN NOW.

12. IN YOUR MEETING, EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION TO VORSTER OF OUR NEW APPROACH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. UNDERLINE, TOO, THAT WE BELIEVE THIS PRESENTATION ALSO WILL HELP FURTHER AFRICAN INITIATIVES. ADD THAT WE WILL INFORM GOVERNMENTS OF THE RESULTS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, OBSERVE THAT WE ARE REALISTIC, AND DO NOT WISH TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS UNDULY ABOUT IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

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